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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for a two month extension of time for responding to the Office Action dated December 19, 2001, extending the statutory period of response from January 19, 2002 to March 19, 2002.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the extension fee in the amount of 400.00 to Deposit Account 50-1901. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional filing fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1901. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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